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1. On 10 June 1947, fifteen former pilots and Luftwaffe officers were ordered to report to the Soviet Air Force officers candidate school in Klotzsche (F29) on the following day. On arrival, the men were taken to a guarded room and were asked, "What will you do in case an open conflict should break out between Russia and some other state?"
2. One of the Germans is alleged to have replied, for all of his colleagues, "Militarism has been forbidden in Germany. We are glad to have peace. We are tired of the soldier game and this feeling will determine our future attitude. We feel surprised at the question, since we had believed the danger of war had passed. We refer to the words of Marshal Stalin and believe we may consider his utterances as representing the official point of view."
3. The fifteen men were then invited to lunch, during which considerable alcohol was served, and afterwards were taken to another room, where they were asked to sign a Russian document. According to the interpreter, the text read:

"In the event of armed conflict between the Soviet Union and some other state, I hereby promise to assume a loyal attitude toward the Russian troops. In particular, I hereby agree not to leave my residence without special permission by the Russian authorities. I shall not leave the Russian occupation zone, not even with the intention of returning to it later."
4. The Germans, doubting the correctness of this translation, refused to sign the document. They were then released with a warning not to discuss the meeting.

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